

December 1, 1988

TO: File

FROM: D. Wayne Hedberg, Reclamation Hydrologist *DWH*

RE: Field Inspection, Standard Gypsum Products Incorporated,
Bloomington Hills Mine, S/053/007, Washington County, Utah

On December 1, 1988, Division staff members Wayne Hedberg, Holland Shepherd and Scott Johnson visited the mine site to confirm the current status of operations since the operator was granted approval of a small mining operation in March 1988. The site previously had a Declaration of Exemption filed for a site disturbance less than 2 acres.

The mine site is located approximately 5 miles southeast of St. George. Access is provided by following 700 South southeast out of St. George and traveling approximately 4 miles past the bridge which crosses the Virgin River on the edge of St. George. The turnoff to the mine site is on the right hand side of the road, approximately 4 miles beyond this bridge. Follow this dirt road, approximately 3/4 of a mile westward, to reach the site of the gypsum mine.

The mine site was inactive at the time of our inspection; however, it was apparent that some bulk sampling had occurred recently. The gypsum outcrop is being quarried into the hillside.

The bulk sampling appears to have been mined via drilling and blasting method. It was estimated that surface disturbance associated with the quarry is approximately one acre. The road accessing the mine site was not included in this estimate.

A dead calf was noted at the mine site. It was apparently dumped there by an unknown party. There was no mining equipment located at the mine site.

No environmental concerns were noted during this inspection. The operation is still well within its five acre category.

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